GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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STOLEN IVORY
Chaliha Shri Kirip

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ivory worth of several lakhs has been stolen from a museum situated inside Corbett Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) As per the information received from the Government of Uttarakhand, two elephant tusks were stolen from Dhangarhi Museum of Corbett National Park on night of 11/12 June, 2008 weighing 18.6 kg and 18.2 kg respectively.

(c) to (e) As reported by the State Government, FIR has been lodged with Ramnagar Police Station on 12th June, 2008 for detailed investigation and action.